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GENEALOGY

FOR

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TROY, ALABAMA

Pedigree Chart No.

Date _____
 Name of Compiler _____
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 Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as
 No. _____ on chart No. _____

b. Date of Birth
 p.b. Place of Birth
 m. Date of Marriage
 d. Date of Death
 p.d. Place of Death

2 Isaac Bryan Smith
 b. 1871 (Father of No. 1)
 p.b. Fla.
 m. 1890
 d. 1902
 p.d. near Iron City, Ga.

1 Charles Bungan Smith
 b. 1891
 p.b. Ala.
 m. 1925
 d.
 p.d.

3 Ida Emma Brunson
 b. 1873 (Mother of No. 1)
 p.b. Ala.
 d. 1944
 p.d. Cameron's Chapel
 seven miles west Brantley

Annie Pearl Newell
 b. 1906 (Husband or Wife of No. 1)
 p.b. near Iron
 d.
 p.d.

4 Joshua A. Smith
 b. 1841 (Father of No. 2)
 p.b. Georgia
 m. 1865
 d. 1901
 p.d. Milledgeville, Ga.

5 Mary Anna Grissett
 b. 1839 (Mother of No. 2)
 p.b. Ala.
 d. 1917
 p.d. Iron City, Georgia
 Corinth Church

6 Henry David Brunson
 b. 1848 (Father of No. 3)
 p.b. Ala.
 m. 1870
 d. 1939
 p.d. Cameron's Chapel
 seven miles west
 of Brantley, Ala.

7 Martha Maranda Fanning
 b. 1841 (Mother of No. 3)
 p.b. Ala.
 d. 1891
 p.d. Cameron's Chapel
 seven miles west of
 Brantley, Ala.

8 Isaac Smith
 b. 1805 (Father of No. 4)
 p.b. N.C.
 m.
 d. before 1881
 p.d. Elizabeth Turner

9 Elizabeth Turner
 b. (Mother of No. 4)
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

10 John Grissett
 b. 1800 (Father of No. 5)
 p.b. N.C.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

11 Elizabeth
 b. 1800 (Mother of No. 5)
 p.b. N.C.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

12 Albert Brunson
 b. 1813 (Father of No. 6)
 p.b. Ala.
 m. about 1839
 d. 1893
 p.d. Cameron's Chapel
 Elizabeth Jenkins

13 Elizabeth Jenkins
 b. 1813 (Mother of No. 6)
 p.b. Ala.
 m. 1833
 d. 1881
 p.d. Brantley, Ala.

14 Jacob Sherwood Fanning
 b. 1811 (Father of No. 7)
 p.b. Ala.
 m. 1833
 d. 1881
 p.d. Brantley, Ala.

16 (Father of No. 8)
 Continued on chart

17 (Mother of No. 8)
 Continued on chart

18 (Father of No. 9)
 Continued on chart

19 (Mother of No. 9)
 Continued on chart

20 (Father of No. 10)
 Continued on chart

21 (Mother of No. 10)
 Continued on chart

22 (Father of No. 11)
 Continued on chart

23 (Mother of No. 11)
 Continued on chart

24 David Brunson
 (Father of No. 12)
 Continued on chart

25 Polle Johnson
 (Mother of No. 12)
 Continued on chart

26 (Father of No. 13)
 Continued on chart

27 (Mother of No. 13)
 Continued on chart

28 Abraham Fanning
 (Father of No. 14)
 Continued on chart

29 Elizabeth
 (Mother of No. 14)
 Continued on chart

30 Thomas DeLoach
 (Father of No. 15)
 Continued on chart

31 Sarah Watkins
 (Mother of No. 15)
 Continued on chart

PREFACE

This booklet is intended to present some of the family background of Charles Bunyan Smith, son of Isaac Bryan Smith and Ida Emma Brunson Smith.

It is written in the first person and directed to his daughter Martha Ann Smith Cowart. These relationships must be kept in mind as one reads the document.

The information found herein was collected over a period of years and written up as I went along. That explains why there are some repetitions and slight contradictions here and there. I did not undertake to re-write the whole manuscript.

The studies are incomplete. But the information is given in such a way that an interested person with time and money can complete the parts which he may want to follow up. This could be done any time in the future. A large number of people and families would be interested if they knew about the manuscript.

The information set forth will become more valuable as the years go by, and also more interesting.

THE MAP

The map shows the immediate community where I grew up from the age of 12. We had lived on the homestead shown here once when I was about 5 for one year.

The whole place was different from what it is now and from what other farms around in the community are now. The woods were the original forest, made up of yellow pine, dogwood, white oak, and other oaks. The pines grew on the uplands with not much undergrowth. One could see long distances through the large pines.

The purpose of this description is to give my impression that the whole place was beautiful and poetic, and a fine environment for growing boys. In the rear of the house and yard was a great chestnut grove which also included a large chinquapin tree. Bushels of nuts fell in October and November. These are all gone now.

Out in the woods wild grapes grew in abundance, and also what we called bullaces. I suppose the latter were wild scuppernongs. There were many other kinds of wild berries reaching into the fall and winter seasons.

The community had been very sparsely settled for two generations before my day. These early settlers were typical frontier people. Although most of them had gone or died, we still designated certain territory by their family names. To the east were the Bush fields, grown up and deserted. To the north were the Underwood fields, also grown up in pine. We hunted in this territory. Although most old families were gone, some Brunsons and others remained. My great Uncle Otis Brunson (Uncle Bud) lived on his place to the north. One brother who owned a quarter section to the north had gone to Texas or Louisiana many years before.

We moved from the old site at the chestnut grove to the place on the road in 1910. The old school building was converted into the new house for us to live in. The school which had been on our farm was moved three miles away to Rocky Hill. We attended school there after 1908.

Cameron's Chapel, two miles west, is where we went to church and Sunday School. In this cemetery is buried a large number of relatives on the Brunson side of the family. Among these are my great grandfather and great grandmother Brunson, my grandfather and grandmother Brunson, my mother and her brother, Thomas Fletcher Brunson, a sister of my grandfather Brunson, whom we called Aunt Bettie Brunson. Buried there was also a sister of my mother, Burt Brunson Peek, Uncle Otis Brunson and his wife and our Aunt Sallie are buried there. My brother Jesse David Smith and two of his children are also buried at Cameron's Chapel.

THE PLACES WE LIVED IN MY EARLY CHILDHOOD

My earliest recollections go back to a place where we lived near Bainbridge, Georgia. The farm was known as the McGill Place. Mr. McGill was a lawyer and boarded with us. The pictures in my mind are very vague. I remember the large house and that we farmed. I remember clearly that Grandma and Grandpa Smith also lived with us or nearby. My recent study of the family history reveals that Isaac Smith married in Fayette County Georgia, and later moved to Carroll County. All of his children were born in Carroll County. Between 1850 and 1860, the family migrated to Coffee County, Alabama. Some later connections were made with Whigham, Georgia. Once I was told they went over there to cut timber, and that was as late as 1885.

My great grandfather, Isaac Smith, was living in Alabama in 1860 when my grandfather, Joshua Smith, joined the Confederate Army. The family continued to live in Alabama and evidently resided at Victoria, in Coffee County, immediately after the war. Isaac's daughter, Margaret, married Jesse Thompson at Spring Hill, Alabama, during the war; he was killed in the war. She later married Holley Boutwell, also of Spring Hill. Isaac's son Joshua, my grandfather, married Mary Jane Grissett, who lived somewhere around Spring Hill, just after the war. The records reveal that Joshua and Mary Jane lived in Florida between 1867 and 1877. Three of their children, Emma, Letha and Isaac were born in that state. They were back in Alabama, at Spring Hill, in 1877. What Isaac, Joshua's father, was doing during these ten years I have been unable to learn. The oral tradition is that Isaac moved back and forth to Georgia about six times during his life. Isaac died at Whigham in 1883 at the home of a daughter, Letha Smith Langley.

All this background explains why the Smiths, including my father and his brother and sisters, gravitated back to this territory after sojourns in Alabama. My great grandfather, my grandfather and my father all wound up their lives and were buried in Georgia, although all of them spent many years of their lives in Alabama.

It was, I think, from Bainbridge that we moved back to Alabama about 1895 to live on my grandfather Brunson's place, which I now own. This move was suggested by my grandfather Brunson in the hope that we would settle

down and stay on the farm. This did not work out then. I have learned since that these early years of the 1890's were very hard times. They saw the terrible depression during Cleveland's second term. Once I thought my father was a poor manager, but on reading about that period, I wonder now how they got along. So at the end of the first year back in Alabama, he could not pay out; farm prices had hit the bottom. We moved away again.

This time we went to Host in Crenshaw County, now known as Burnt Out. A store there, owned by Mr. Driscoll, burned and changed the name of the place. We rented a farm from Mr. Sill Thomasson, but during the summer bought a sawmill and went into the lumber business. Something happened in about a year and everything was lost. We spent one Christmas at Host. The next Christmas found us back in Georgia, as I will explain.

Leaving Host, we moved to Geneva territory and produced cross ties for a new railroad, finally winding up in Geneva for a short time. I recall that during this sojourn around Geneva, my grandfather and grandmother Smith and my Uncle Lewis Smith and his wife lived with us. I had not yet started to school.

Near Christmas of this year, it was decided to return to Georgia. We went on wagons and camped out at night. Our destination was the home of my uncle, Forrest W. Cordell, and his wife, Aunt Letha. We arrived in time to spend Christmas with them. They were the recipients of a whole crate of oranges sent by a relative in Florida. Oranges were a rarity except at Christmas time. The Cordell relatives had an orange grove in Florida.

My father worked with his brother-in-law the rest of this year. Two things I remember about this period: During the spring I started to school at Corinth, one mile from Iron City. The other recollection was the Spanish-American War. It was talked that my father might have to go. This was enough to frighten me and worry me for a short time.

The next year we rented a farm from Mr. Goodwin a short piece away, but the next year, 1900, came back to Cordell's where we made a bumper crop. It was this year that a little brother named Emmitt died after a long illness. He was four years old, and died just before Christmas, 1900.

All along we were struggling to buy a farm. So the next year, 1901, we rented, for standing rent, a place from Mr. John Brown near Donaldsonville. We made a splendid crop, but the old temptation came again to get

rich quick by going into timber. During the summer, my father set up a cross tie camp near Bainbridge with a large crew of cutters. He took me on the whole 25 mile trip in one day to see the camp. I remember that at the camp I heard the first mention of the assassination of President William McKinley. It appeared that there were 20 or 25 Negro men cutting ties. They came to the commissary that night to get food and supplies.

The cross ties were being supplied to a new railroad headed for Graceville, Florida. For some reason, the building of the railroad ceased. This caught us in the lurch and our creditors closed us out completely.

Backing up a little, I must give some other recollections of this year of 1901. In the spring, at the Brown place we called it, my two younger brothers and I attended a private school in a log cabin two miles from home. The cabin still stands (1958). It was at this school we played the April fool trick on the teacher by slipping off at noon into the woods. The dogwoods were in bloom. On returning to the school house late in the afternoon, we found a whipping waiting for us.

One joy of those days was to be visited by kin folks. During the spring and summer of 1901, after we had been back in Georgia for nearly three years, we were visited by Grandpa Brunson, Aunt Bell Brunson, Aunt Jimmie Brunson and Uncle Tom Brunson. They did not all come at the same time, but each stayed several weeks. This was great fun to us.

The Brown place was surrounded by great ponds filled with giant cypress trees. Neither the original pine timber nor cypress trees had been cut at this time, except to make way for fields.

The ponds and woods were good territory for Tom Sawyers and Huckleberry Finns. Although we did not have bateaus, we made rafts of logs and explored the big pond, which was 20 acres or more in area, and a wilderness of trees standing in the water. I can still remember the smells of the water and the trees.

The water was the habitation of several varieties of turtle, including the large snapping turtle. Some of these weighed 40 or 50 pounds. There were also fish, eel and moccasins. Yet the three of us, the oldest being only ten, explored this area time and again on rafts. Our parents did not seem to be afraid for us. Our grandfather Brunson, on his visit mentioned before, initiated us into the use of the raft. He promised to build us a boat, but ended his visit before he got around to doing it.

The birds among the cypress trees thrilled us. We got glimpses of cranes, pond ganetts, and herons among the trees. They were all very wild.

It was in the fall of this year that Grandpa Joshua Smith died in the Milledgeville hospital. Because of his affliction with St. Vitus as he got older, he was sent there in the early fall of 1901. He was buried in Milledgeville.

Because of our financial collapse, Grandpa Brunson came over to see about everything, as he had always done in time of trouble. He arranged for us to come back to Alabama (1901). We stayed around a few days with my mother's relatives and then went to Coffee County where Smith relatives were. Work soon ran out here and Grandpa Brunson came and moved us over into Geneva County to a place called Marl. Here my father worked at running a sawmill, cutting cypress timber, and other things of this kind.

We lived in a very large house with a porch on three sides. Hickory trees filled the grounds. In the spring the woods were a fairy land and we explored them everyday. It was here my sister Mattie was born in July of 1902.

In the early fall, work ran out again and we moved to Henry County where we worked for a Mr. Killingsworth whom the family had known before. Along about November, my father got excited about going back to his people in Georgia again. He made a trip over there. We had been away about one year.(1902).

He made a good arrangement with his brother-in-law Cordell. We moved to Georgia again at the beginning of winter or late fall, 1902. Our Uncle Lewis Smith was still there and we pitched in to help him manufacture the crop of sugar can syrup. There were several car loads of it. Before the season was over, we bought out Uncle Lewis and took over the syrup mill. A few days later, a falling tree killed my father. Uncle Lewis took over the mill again and I helped him finish up the syrup. It took until nearly Christmas, 1902.

In the meantime, my mother was making her plans to come back to Alabama and live with Grandpa Brunson. Christmas week, 1902, found us again in Alabama. We lived here until we all grew up.

NOTES FOR MONOGRAPH ON FAMILY HISTORY

Things about the families on the chart.

SMITH

The Smiths migrated to Alabama from North Carolina. They came about 1838 and were living at Victoria in Coffee County in 1862. Apparently they settled in Coffee County or lower Pike County when they came. In 1860 my great grandfather was living at Haw Ridge near where Fort Rucker is now. His brother Bryan Smith was living at Rocky Head.

Other families who came along at the same time were the Thompsons and possibly the Grissetts. These families centered around Spring Hill community in Pike County, and their descendents in large numbers are still living there. Many descendents of Bryan Smith remained in Pike County.

I have known about only two of the original Smiths who came to Alabama. They were two brothers, Isaac and Bryan. They were married and had families when they came to the State. There might have been others along. They claimed to be Scotch-Irish in descent.

Records will reveal that my grandfather, Joshua A. Smith, enlisted in the Confederate Army from Victoria, Alabama, in 1862. I was told as a child that he served the whole four years.

All our Smith relatives that I know in this state are descendents of Isaac and Bryan Smith. They are quite numerous.

My grandfather, Joshua A. Smith, had brothers Bryan, born 1831 and John, born 1836 in Carroll County, Ga. His sisters: Margaret, Elizabeth, Winnie, and Letha. Mary Margaret married a Mr. Thompson who left her a widow, after which she married Mr. Holley Boutwell of Spring Hill, Alabama. As a little boy, I saw Mr. Steve Thompson, a son by her first husband. There were probably other children. A son by the Boutwell husband was Isaac Boutwell, a native of Spring Hill. There are many descendents of Margaret Smith Thompson and Holley Boutwell. You will note that Isaac Boutwell, their son, was named for the original immigrant, Isaac Smith, as my father was also.

Elizabeth married a Collinsworth, and Winnie married an Anderson, both near Milton, Florida. Letha married a Langley in Whigham, Georgia. Emily also married a Langley and lived in Defuniak.

General Information

My great grandfather, Isaac Smith, seems to have moved away from Coffee County to Georgia after his children were grown. He died at Whigham, Georgia, long before I was born. My grandfather, Joshua Smith, died in 1901 in Milledgeville, Georgia. He had been sent to the hospital there because he had Corea (St. Vitus Dance). This disease was considered incurable. He was

buried at Milledgeville.

My grandmother Smith, who was Mary Jane Grissett of Pike County, Alabama, died at Iron City, Georgia, in 1917. She is buried at Corinth Church Cemetery, near Iron City, Georgia. Joshua Smith and Mary Jane Grissett were married at Elba, Alabama, about 1866.

At the time of her death she was living with Uncle Lewis Smith (L. L. Smith) her son. Uncle Lewis is still living (1959) in Hollywood, Florida. He has a large number of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

My father, Isaac Smith, (named for his grandfather, as you will note) was killed by a falling tree on December 5, 1902, near Iron City, Georgia, when I was eleven and one-half years old.

Before giving the details of this accident I will give some of the circumstances and relationships which accounted for our being in Georgia at this time. We had lived in Alabama the year before until late fall when we moved back to Iron City. We had kinfolks there. Uncle Lewis Smith, mentioned above, and Grandma Smith lived there. Aunt Letha Smith Cordelle, my father's sister, and her husband, Uncle Forrest W. Cordelle, were there. Uncle Forrest, we called him, owned a rather large plantation two miles from Iron City, and Uncle Lewis Smith was farming some of this plantation. We had gone back to farm with Uncle Forrest Cordelle the coming year.

Uncle Lewis had a large acreage of sugar cane still to be harvested and made into sugar cane syrup. It took weeks to make it up ready for market. We pitched in to help him finish up the work. We worked in the sugar cane field for awhile.

My father was supposed to be a better syrup maker than Uncle Lewis. So he proposed to buy the cane crop and make up the syrup. The trade was made.

This meant that we all swapped over. I went from the cane field to the syrup mill. Uncle Lewis took over harvesting the cane and getting it to the mill, as we had been doing.

My job at the mill was to "feed the mill." I pushed the stalks into the rollers, which crushed out the juice. This job began before daylight and lasted until after dark. I produced 500 gallons of juice on Monday and 400 on the other days except Friday. The juice went from the mill to a large trough holding 100 gallons. It was evaporated from a 100 gallon kettle. There were 4 "boilings" each day. It was my task to have the trough full by the time each boiling came off in order that the kettle might be filled again.

The syrup kettle was fired with cord wood. My daddy took a man and team of mules on the day he was killed and went for a load of wood. There had been a steady, high wind blowing all day, a sort of gale.

Just after the noon meal he left me washing out the juice trough, and went on the wagon for the wood. In a very little while the man who went with my daddy came running up with a very frightened look on his face. He announced to me and my brother, "A tree has fallen on

your daddy and killed him." Looking at me he said, "Go and tell your Uncle Lewis." I dropped my work and moved off immediately toward the cane fields. On the slope from Uncle Forrest's house down to the sugar cane mill, I met Aunt Letha and some other woman. I can recall that I had not really accepted the fact that my daddy was dead. I told my aunt where I was going, that papa was hurt badly by a tree and then added, "Charlie Hobbs said he was killed." I went on a half mile further to give the same message to Uncle Lewis. He did not ask me a question or say a word. He dropped his cane stripper, walked out into the road. He pulled off his hat and ran very fast, leaving me completely. I had no idea he could run so fast and so lightly.

I followed along in a walk to a point within sight of the accident. I never went to the spot. A country doctor passing along had been stopped to examine my daddy and of course promptly pronounced him dead. I saw the doctor leaving. I then turned toward home still in a walk. My Uncle Lewis overtook me, still in a run. He was going to tell my mother, evidently trying to get to her before anyone else did. Before I got to the house I met her on her way toward the scene of the accident. I went on home and took charge of my six months' old baby sister. She was your Aunt Mattie. I was a little over 11 years old.

Smith Genealogy

<u>Isaac Smith</u>	born 1805	North Carolina
Married July 17, 1828 in Fayette County, Ga.		
<u>Elizabeth</u> (Turner)	born 1807	North Carolina
Children		
Bryan Smith	born 1831	in Georgia
Letha Smith	born 1836	in Georgia
Mary Margaret Smith	born 1838	in Georgia
<u>Joshua Smith</u>	born 1841	in Georgia
Elizabeth Smith	born 1843	in Georgia
John Smith	born 1844	in Georgia
Winifred Smith	born 1847	in Georgia

Isaac and Elizabeth came from Georgia to Alabama and settled in Coffee County. Both were born in North Carolina but were married in Fayette County, Georgia as recorded above.

This family was living in Carroll County, Georgia in 1850. They were in Coffee County, Alabama in 1860. They must have made connection with Whigham, Georgia later.

Joshua A. Smith

married 1865

Mary Jane Grissett (Pike County, Alabama)

Children

Emma Smith	born 1867	in Florida
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<u>Isaac Smith</u>	born 1871	Florida
Letha Smith	born 1869	Florida
Lewis L. Smith	born 1877	Spring Hill, Alabama

Isaac Bryan Smith is our ancestor and my father.

Emma Smith married Henry Knight and died young.

Letha Smith married Forrest W. Cordell of Iron City, Georgia, who is still living there (April 2, 1953). He is 89 years old. He has a number of descendents living in southwest Georgia.

Lewis La Fayette Smith married Hester Hobbs. They have numerous descendents living in Hollywood, Florida.

Census records of 1850 and 1860 show that Isaac had sons John and Bryan. My brother, John Smith, must have been named for John. My brother Jesse Smith was evidently named for Jesse Thompson, my father's uncle by marriage. My father's sister, Letha Smith Cordell, also named her oldest son Jesse, obviously for the same man.

Elizabeth Smith married Abraham Collinsworth of Milton, Florida. She has many descendents living in west Florida. Her son, Ancil Collinsworth, is living (April 2, 1953) age 77.

Winifred Smith married Mr. Archie Anderson, Defuniak Springs, Florida. Her son, Dan Anderson, is still living (April 2, 1953), age 76.

The family of my grandmother Smith as it was in 1850 in Pike County, Alabama

John Grissett	born in North Carolina in 1800
Elizabeth Grissett	born in North Carolina in 1800

Children

Daniel Grissett	born in Alabama in 1832
Pulaski Grissett	born in Alabama in 1834
Sarah Grissett	born in Alabama in 1836
<u>Mary Jane Grissett</u>	born in Alabama in 1839
Martha Grissett	born in Alabama in 1841
Veletha Grissett	born in Alabama in 1843

These people settled in the country between Spring Hill in Pike County and Victoria in Coffee County. Dates above indicate they were in Alabama before 1832. Like other families in this territory, they came as pioneers from North Carolina. It is likely that the Grissetts, Thompsons and Smiths came together as a group from North Carolina. In fact, a very old member of the Smith tribe related that the Thompsons and Smiths came together. This country was then a very wild frontier territory. Many descendents of all three families still live in the same community over 150 years later.

Collateral Smith Lines of Interest

As stated in the beginning, I always heard of two brothers, Isaac and Bryan Smith, who came to Alabama. The following is the family of Bryan Smith in 1850, Pike County.

Bryan Smith b 1810 N.C.

Married

Nancy Thompson b 1815 N.C.

Children

James Smith b 1835 N.C.

Stephen Smith b 1836 N.C.

Henry Smith b 1838 N.C.

Aslend Smith b 1839 Alabama

Penuna Smith b 1841 Alabama

John Smith b 1843 Alabama

Sarah Smith b 1845 Alabama

David b 1847 Alabama

Nancy b 1849 Alabama

These people continued to live in Pike County. The above children were second cousins of my father, Isaac Smith. The one named John above I saw when I was eleven years old. We were at Goodman in Coffee County where the son of Stephen above was living when this man visited the Smiths there. He was a rather distinguished looking man of medium size with a white goatee beard. He had grown sons and daughters.

Later he and his sons moved to Pike County near Glenwood. His sons, Frank and James, were living there when we moved to Troy. Both are dead at this writing, but many of their descendents live around Glenwood and Troy.

There was another John Smith, son of Stephen above, who was the victim in a notorious murder in Crenshaw County about 1890. Scores of people still talk about it 60 years after the trial.

My grandfather, Joshua, had moved to Crenshaw County a few miles above what is now Brantley. This John Smith, whose father lived on White Water River in Pike County, was staying with Joshua Smith. Trouble developed between the Smiths and the Gibsons. The Gibsons were very rough people, and some of the Smiths were none too tame, though they were outnumbered by the Gibsons.

The trouble grew out of an argument about a Negro boy who worked for the Smiths. It seems the boy, about 14, had burned my grandfather Joshua's cotton gin. Since he was a minor, he was "bound" by the court to Joshua to work. The Gibsons kidnapped the boy and put him to work for themselves. John Smith, Isaac Smith and friends went to the Gibson's cornfield and re-kidnapped the boy. They were chased by the Gibsons, but rescued the negro. This angered the Gibson clan,

and a murder was planned.

A few days afterwards a Sunday afternoon singing was in progress in the neighborhood at a little country school house. Ben and Sam Gibson appeared quietly in the weeds at the edge of the yard. Soon John Smith and his associates came out of the house and proceeded toward the spring. The Gibsons and associates followed. They met at the spring. Smith was armed only with a knife, Ben Gibson with a pistol. The fuss started. Smith was badly cut by Sam and shot and instantly killed by Ben.

The trial dragged on for several years, and my father, Isaac, went back as a witness to the trials after he was married to my mother. He was with John Smith at the spring, but did not get involved, probably because the Smiths were taken by surprise. They were practically unarmed, and apparently did not believe the Gibsons meant business. After shooting John Smith down, Ben turned and pointed his gun at Isaac for several seconds, evidently because he thought John's relatives would act.

After several trials Sam was cleared, Ben sentenced for twelve years. The Governor pardoned Ben and that ended it. But for 60 years the episode has given the people many hours, years, and days of talk.

The man killed was the son of Stephen above and has many relatives in Pike County who never heard of him. Many Gibsons still live in the same community where this happened. The descendants of Ben and Sam have always been friendly to the few Smith descendants remaining there. The killing did not develop into a Kentucky feud.

The places of birth of the children in the Bryan Smith family reveal the approximate date that Isaac and Bryan Smith migrated to Alabama. Henry was born in North Carolina in 1838 and Aslend in Alabama in 1839. So the families came in 1838 or 1839.

Smith Collateral Families

Lewis Layfatte Smith	born 1876	Springhill, Alabama
Married		
Hester Hobbs	born 1875	
Children		
Clarence Smith	born 1898	Ashford, Alabama
	Married Inez Riddlehoover	
Walter Smith	born 1902	Donalsonville, Georgia
	Married Ruby Herrin	
Mary McCarty	born 1904	Donalsonville, Georgia
	Married Brooks McCarty	
I. D. Smith	born 1905	Donalsonville, Georgia
Hardy Smith	born 1907	Donalsonville, Georgia
Bernard Smith	born 1910	Donalsonville, Georgia
	Married Corrine Riley	
Grady Smith	born 1912	Donalsonville, Georgia
	Married Estelle Both July 8, 1944	
Velma Swindell		Donalsonville, Georgia
	Married P. A. Swindell	

Later Information on Our Smith Ancestry

Nine years after I wrote the little book on our family history, I found more information about my great grandfather, Isaac Smith. Although married in Fayette County, Georgia, he was in Carroll County in 1850 and in Coffee County, Alabama in 1860. Here is the census record of 1850 in Carroll County.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
Isaac Smith	48-Farmer-	North Carolina
Elizabeth Smith	44	North Carolina
Bryant Smith	19	Georgia
John Smith	16	Georgia
Emily Smith	14	Georgia
Mary Smith	12	Georgia
Joshua Smith	10	Georgia
Adelaide Smith	7	Georgia
Winney Smith	3	Georgia

The same group in Coffee County, Alabama in 1860:

Isaac Smith	55	North Carolina
Elizabeth	53	North Carolina
Joshua	19	Georgia
Elizabeth	16	Georgia
Winney	13	Georgia

Elizabeth and Adelaide are the same. Mary and Emily had married; the marriages are recorded elsewhere. Two boys had also married: Bryan and John.

<u>Bryan Smith</u>	30	Georgia
Lucy J.	29	Alabama
Winney R.	4	Alabama
Doctalin	2	Alabama
<u>John Smith</u>	26-Farmer-	Georgia
Martha	24	Georgia
Elizabeth	4	Alabama
Mary J.	2	Alabama
Martha A.	3 months	Alabama

It appears that my grandfather had two brothers, Bryan and John. This answers a question of many years standing. Descendents of these people still live in Coffee County in 1970.

More Data on the Smith Genealogy, 1880

Research done in the years following my retirement added to and corrected the Smith record. What follows gives me, for the first time, the year my father, Isaac Smith, was born and also shows that he was born in Florida and not in Coffee County, Alabama, as we always thought.

The following is from the census of 1880. It shows that Grandpa, Joshua Smith, was living in Coffee County near Victoria, but that he had lived in Florida ten years before. As we already know, he lived in Coffee County as a boy and married Mary Jane Grissett at Spring Hill in Pike County, Alabama.

	Age	Birthplace
Smith, Joshua	39	Georgia
Mary J.	39	Alabama
Emily, female	13	Florida
Lethy, female	12	Florida
Isaac, male	9	Florida
Lewis, male	3	Alabama

The oldest girl was called Emma instead of Emily. My sister, Emma Belle, was named for her as was my mother's sister, Belle Brunson. Emma Smith married a Knight, and died as a young woman. Lethy is the daughter who married Forrest W. Cordell at Iron City, Georgia, and was the grandmother of Albert Cordell, who still operates the Cordell farm. Isaac was my father, and Lewis his only brother whose numerous descendants now live at Hollywood, Florida. Lewis has great-great grandchildren at this date.

Martha Ann Smith

Married December 20, 1947

Charles Aubrey Cowart

Children

Mary Charlotte Cowart	born Nov. 30, 1948	Troy, Alabama
Ann Rebecca Cowart	born July 18, 1952	Troy, Alabama
Charles Aubrey (Chuck) Cowart	born Nov. 5, 1955	Troy, Alabama

Mary Charlotte Cowart

Married September 6, 1969 in Gulfport, Mississippi

William Paul Shaver

Children

Christopher Paul Shaver	born June 4, 1972	Boca Raton, Fla.
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BRUNSON

The Brunsons were immigrants from South Carolina. They came to Alabama immediately after the state was formed, probably as early as 1822. Two cousins, David Brunson and Daniel Brunson were among the first men to take up land in the part of Pike County which became Crenshaw. David Brunson first settled in Clarke County and was living there in 1820. Daniel was in Pike County in 1822, and by 1828 David had moved from Clarke to Pike or what is now Crenshaw.

Families associated with the Brunsons and migrating with them to Alabama were the Franklins and Benbows and others who have many descendents in Alabama.

The wife of Albert Brunson, Elizabeth Jenkins, was an immigrant from South Carolina. The Jenkins family came from near Charleston, S. C. Elizabeth's father was a silversmith. I was told that Elizabeth's father married a Miss White in South Carolina, which fact takes the family back to colonial times.

The Brunsons to whom we are related came from "Sumter District," S.C. The districts of that state have since been broken up into counties. Their trade center was Sumter.

The original Brunsons came to South Carolina from Connecticut about 1690, which makes them a colonial family. There were originally "Brownsons," later Brounsons and finally Brunsons, and sometimes Brunston. The family moved up the Santee River Valley and had spread out over western South Carolina by the time of the American Revolution.

Many Brunsons served in the American Revolution in South Carolina. You will find them on the company rosters of Francis Marion, the famous Swamp Fox or partisan leader in the American Revolution. The given names, Marion and Francis, are still handed down as given names of the Brunson descendents.

In Alabama the Brunsons from who we are descended centered around the region of what is now Luverne, spreading out to Mt. Ida and Rutledge, after this territory was opened up to settlement. My grandfather, Henry David Brunson, was born at Pine Level in 1848, but the family took up land in Beat 8 in Crenshaw County in 1858.

Henry David Brunson enlisted in the Home Guard from this place of residence during the last year of the Confederate War. He did duty against bushwhackers, deserters, runaway negroes in the vicinity of what is now Andalusia. He served only a short time, and reported no particular adventures. He and another 16 year old ran away from home and joined the Guards.

On the following pages are the Brunson ancestors as far back as we can trace a direct line. At this writing it has not been possible to uncover the father of David Brunson.

The following are the original Brunsons and their immediate descendants down to 1770. Two brothers, John and Richard, came to Connecticut about 1630. A son of Richard, named John, married Hannah Scott, 1664.

Richard Brownson

Married 1664

Hannah Scott

Children

Abraham
John
Isaac
Sarah
Grace

These all came to South Carolina about 1690. Isaac above is the ancestor.

Isaac Brownson

Married

Thankful _____

Children

Joseph
George
Isaac
James
William
David

The period immediately following 1770 is the period I have been unable to fill in. There is a gap between Isaac Brunson (1770) and David Brunson, my great, great grandfather.

David Brunson, my great, great grandfather is believed by several genealogists to be a descendent of one of the sons of the Isaac Brunson whose will was administered in 1770. The given names used in Isaac's family were continued among his descendants and are used in our immediate Brunson ancestors.

My great, great grandfather was David Brunson. My grandfather was Henry David Brunson. Albert Brunson, my great grandfather, had a brother, Josiah. David Brunson had a first cousin, Daniel Brunson, who came to Alabama in 1822, about the same time he did. They knew each other in South Carolina as neighbors and kinsmen.

It is plausible that Daniel was the son of Daniel in the Will of 1770, and David was the son of David in the same will and that they were therefore first cousins, living in the same community in South Carolina and later in Alabama.

The above Daniel actually has more descendants in this section now than David. Among them are Mrs. Gillis Greene of Troy and her numerous sisters.

Isaac Brunson, Senior - Will dated March 10, 1770.

Wife: Mary, to have one-ninth of his property.

Son: Daniel I, and his three children

Son: David, 200 acres on Black River.

Son: Isaac III, 200 acres on Wateree adj. David's land, and also "my part of land at Dorchester."

Son: Josiah, not yet 21 years of age.

Son: Matthew, not yet 21 years of age, land on Jack's creed.

Son: Moses)

Son: Joshua) Land where "I live now" and 800 acres over Santee.

Dau: Mary Mellet

Dau: Susanna

Wit. by James Brunson, Senior

Note: Mary Brunson married Peter Mellett, who was one of the Executors, with the sons.

As documentary evidence of these connections, two wills are written in here. This is an example of how the professional genealogist works a direct line.

JOHN BROWNSON - Will dated January 11, 1711.

Wife: Hannah, to have all land at Farmington, New England.
Son: Abraham, land at Weathersfield, Connecticut.
Son: Joseph, five pounds. (John in some records.)
Son: Isaac I, all land in the Province of Carolina.
Dau: Sarah: wife of Daniel Magregory
Dau: Grace:
Gr. Dau: Mary, wife of Preserved Ford.

(Will Book 1711-1718, page 34, Charleston, S.C.)

Note: Preserved Ford lived in Marion County, S.C.

BROUNSON

From New Haven Genealogical Magazine, Vol. 11, pp. 111-112, by Jacobus. (From Farmington Land Grants, V.6, p. 206).

May 20, 1739, Mary Ford of Prince Frederick Parish, Crauen County, South Carolina, which was formerly Mary Brounson, the daughter of John Brounson, Jr., ye son of John Brounson, Sr., formerly an inhabitant of Westerfield, both deceased, conveying to my loving brother, John Brounson of ye parish aforesaid, all right in Farmington and Westersfield.

Vol. 6, P. 206: 18 June 1739, Daniel McGriger, son of Daniel McGriger and Sarah, his wife, which was formerly SARAH BROUNSON, a daughter of JOHN BROUNSON, formerly an inhabitant or resident of Wethersfield, he being a planter in Crauen County, South Carolina, conveying to JOHN BROWNSON of the same, all right in Farmington and Wethersfield.

From Vol. 6, P. 206: 28 May, 1739

ISAAC BROUNSON, JAMES BROUNSON, WILLIAM BROUNSON, DAVID BROUNSON, all of Crauen County, South Carolina, the sons of ISAAC BROUNSON, ye son of JOHN BROWNSON, Sr., Which was formerly an inhabitant in Wethersfield, convey to JOHN BROWNSON OF Crauen County, South Carolina, all right in Farmington and Wethersfield.

Vol. 6, P. 207: 28 May, 1739

MARGARET BROWNSON, widson of ISAAC BROUNSON, ye son of JOHN BROWNSON, Sr., deceased, which was formerly an inhabitant of Westersfield, conveys for love of my children, that is to say, my five sons, GEORGE BROWNSON, ISAAC BROWNSON, JAMES BROWNSON, WILLIAM BROWNSON and DAVID BROWNSON, all of Crauen County, South Carolina, all right in Farmington and Wethersfield.

Vol. 6, P. 207: 25 June, 1739

Grace Marten, widow of Moses Martin, of Colston County, South Carolina, planter deceased, which was formerly BRACE BROWNSON, ye daughter of JOHN BROWNSON, formerly an inhabitant or resident of Wethersfield, deceased, conveyed to JOHN BROWNSON of Cramer County, South Carolina, all right in Farmington, etc.

Vol. 6, P. 208: 25 September, 1739

JOHN BROWNSON of Prince Frederick Parish, Crauen County, South Carolina, conveys to AARON BROWNSON of Kensington in Farmington, one full fourth part of land in Farmington originally layed out to my honored predecessor, JOHN BROWNSON, formerly of said Farmington, deceased.

NOTE: These summaries of other wills verify the Connecticut-South Carolina connection, and also reveals the transition in spelling from Brounson to Brunson.

Several genealogists believe that these Brunsons are the direct descendents of one Isaac Brunson whose will was probated in 1770. It is believed that David was one of his grandsons, but which of Isaac's sons was David's father has been so far impossible to document. The family of this Isaac Brunson will be found in its proper place. Also will be given the direct ancestors of Isaac on back to the original immigrant to America.

Outline of Brunsons from Sumter District, South Carolina

David Brunson born 1770 S.C.
Married about 1796

Sarah Johnson born 1770 S.C.

Children

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| 1. | Josiah Brunson | born 1797 S.C. |
| 2. | Benjamin Brunson | born 1800 S.C. |
| 3. | Martha Brunson | born 1804 S.C. |
| 4. | John(Jack) Brunson | S.C. |
| 5. | Sarah Brunson | S.C. |
| 6. | Albert Brunson | born 1813 S.C. |

No. 6, Albert Brunson, is my great grandfather.

Benjamin was known as Doctor Brunson, and lived near Rutledge. He is buried in an old cemetery on the Benbow plantation near Luverne, Alabama.

Martha married Mr. Barnett Franklin. These two are the progenitors of the Franklins around Luverne, Alabama. She was known as Patsy Franklin and lived to be 94 years old.

Jack married Elizabeth Davenport and went to Louisiana perhaps before War of Secession.

Sarah married Mr. Henry Athey at Ramer, and later migrated to Texas.

Albert Brunson born about 1813 S.C.
Married about 1839

Elizabeth Jenkins born about 1813 S.C.

Children

1. Thomas Brunson born October 11, 1839
2. John B. Brunson
3. Betty Jane Brunson born May 1, 1844
4. Nancy Brunson born about 1850
5. Henry David Brunson born March 8, 1848
6. Otis Saxon Brunson born August 6, 1852
7. Margaret Brunson born about 1846

No. 5, Henry David Brunson, was my grandfather.

Thomas Brunson died of typhoid fever contracted in the Confederate Army. He was buried in the old cemetery on the Benbow plantation. He taught school at Ivey Creek in Crenshaw County before he joined the Confederates. He was never married.

John B. Brunson migrated to Texas soon after the Civil War.

Betty Jane Brunson was never married. She lived and died on the old Brunson homestead near Cameron's Chapel. She is buried at Cameron's Chapel.

Nancy Brunson married a widower, Mr. Jasper Turner. Lived to be ninety-four years old. Is buried at Mount Olive Cemetery north of Brantley, Alabama.

Otis Saxon Brunson married Sallie Thurston. Lived on and around the old Brunson homesteads until he died in 1924. Is buried at Cameron's Chapel.

Margaret Brunson married Mr. Fern Taylor and this explains relationship of Lit Taylor and other Taylors to our family. These Taylors and their descendents are quite numerous.

Henry David Brunson

Married January 13, 1870

Martha Fannin

Children

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| 1. Jimmie Eudora Brunson | born December 5, 1870 |
| 2. Thomas Fletcher Brunson | born February 1872 |
| 3. <u>Ida Emma Brunson</u> | born August 2, 1873 |
| 4. Beulah Bell Brunson | born April 29, 1875 |
| 5. Leanna Burton Brunson | born June 13, 1877 |
| 6. Abigail Bunyan Brunson | born November 2, 1880 |

No. 3, Ida Emma Brunson, was my mother.

Isaac Bryan Smith

Married July 20, 1890

Ida Emma Brunson

Children

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|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. <u>Charles Bunyan Smith</u> | born June 5, 1891 |
| 2. John Henry Smith | born November 16, 1892 |
| 3. Jesse David Smith | born March 11, 1894 |
| 4. William Emmett Smith | born August 7, 1896 |
| 5. Emma Bell Smith | born April 11, 1898 |
| 6. Rossie Harvey Smith | born January 19, 1900 |
| 7. Mattie Mary Smith | born July 6, 1902 |

Charles Bunyan Smith

Married December 20, 1925

Annie Pearl Newell

Children

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Martha Ann Smith | born November 3, 1926 |
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Ancestry of Thomas DeLoach who was one of my great-great grandfathers.

On other pages I have traced the descendents in Alabama of Thomas DeLoach. He was the ancestor of many Fannins to whom we are related.

Because the DeLoaches were descendents of French Huguenots certain people were interested in their ancestry. There is actually an American Huguenots Society. A genealogist in Washington put me in touch with a Mr. Steadman several years ago who had traced Thomas DeLoach's ancestry back to French immigrants who first came to England. I am giving the lineage as given by Mr. Steadman. This would qualify you or your children to become members of the Huguenot Society should you ever become interested.

1. Michael Deloge(Deloges), member of a Huguenot refugee family, came to Virginia from Bristol, England, at some time between 1663 and 1671 -- (Bristol and America, p. 501). He settled in Isle of Wight County where, prior to 9 August 1671, he married Jane, daughter of Rowland Griffith - (Isle of Wight County, Virginia, Wills etc., Vol. 1, p. 238; Chapman - Isle of Wight County, Virginia, Marriages p. 16). The anglicised form of his name is "Deloach(DeLoach or DeLoache)". He is accredited as being the father of --

Michael - Died 1727 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia

William - (See below)

2. William DeLoach was born about the year 1678, a deposition made on 9 November 1698 showing that he was then about twenty years of age -- (Isle of Wight County, Virginia, Wills etc., Vol. 2, p. 387). Prior to 5 March 1705 he married Eleanor, daughter of John Collins, and settled in Southwark Parish, Surry County, Virginia --(Surry County, Virginia, Deeds, Vol. 4, p. 346). He died in Brunswick County, Virginia, where his will dated 25 March 1745 and probated 3 March 1747, is of record (Brunswick County, Virginia, Will Book No. 2, p. 140). He names his wife, Eleanor, and the following children:

William -- (See below)

Francis -- Died 1770 in Northampton County, N.C.

Martha -- Wife of Harmon Hill

Anne -- Wife of William Hill

3. William DeLoach, Jr., was born about the year 1700(?). Prior to 22 February 1727, he married Judith, daughter of Richard Wall, and moved to North Carolina where he lived variously in Northampton, Edgecombe, and Bertie Counties until about the year 1746. Brunswick County, Virginia, Deed Book No. 1, p. 406; Grimes' - Abstracts of North Carolina Wills -- Will of Richard Wall, 2/29/1752; North Carolina State Records). Prior to April 1746 he moved to the Welsh Tract, on Pee Dee River, in South Carolina --(Records in Office of Secretary of State, Columbia, S.C., Royal grants, Vol. 4, p. 116), and in 1754-7 he and his wife, Judith, are listed as members of the Baptist Church on Synches Creek --(Townsend - South Carolina Baptists, 1670-1805, p. 96. He is accredited as being the father of --

Thomas -- (See below)

Samuel -- Died 1760 in Edgecomb County, N.C.

Michael -- Settled in Beaufort District, S.C.

Hardy -- Moved from Beaufort District, S.C., to old Effingham County, Georgia

William -- Settled in Beaufort District, S.C.

Elizabeth -- Md. (1) Josiah Allen and (2) Aaron Etheridge, both of Edgefield District, S.C.

4. Thomas DeLoach was born about the year 1730(?). In 1763 he made affidavit before Andrew Allison (one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for Craven County, S.C., as a witness to the execution of a paper by Abraham Odom and Cibbie his wife -- (Historic Camden, S.C., P.). Prior to 4 May 1773 he moved to Edgefield District (that part which is now Saluda County), S.C. --(Records in Office of Secretary of State, Columbia, S.C., Royal Grants, Vol. 32, p. 558; Townsend - South Carolina Baptists, 1670 - 1805, p. 170-1.) After 1790 he moved to Sumter County, S.C., where he died about 1811 (?). Deeds recorded at Edgefield County Court House show that he married Patience_____ (perhaps Patience Albiam) and, perhaps in addition to other children, was the father of --

Samuel -- Moved from Edgefield District, S.C., to Pickens County, Alabama

Michael -- Living in 1789

Thomas - - (See below)

Elizabeth -- Md. Barrett Travis of Edgefield District, S.C.

5. Thomas DeLoach was born 20 October 1759 and died 29 July 1819. His will was dated 22 June 1810. He was a Baptist preacher, and served pastorates at Clouds Creek Baptist Church and Dry Creek Baptist Church in Edgefield District (Saluda County), S.C., and at Phillipi Baptist Church in Lexington County, S.C. (Chapman - History of Edgefield County, S.C., p. 310; Laws of South Carolina -- Acts of the Legislature - 1802, p. 70; Townsend -- South Carolina Baptists, 1670-1805, p. 170-1.) He married (1), about 1782, Miss Asbell(?); (2), about 1803, Sarah Watkins (born August 1780, died 9 June 1818); (3), in 1819, Charity Cotton, (widow of John Cotton) (?). His will and a family Bible record show that he was the father of --
(See page 19).

6. Maranda DeLoach married, in 1833, Jacob Sherwood Fannin. She was the mother of --
(See page 21).

7. Martha Maranda Fannin married Henry David Brunson. She was the mother of --
(See page 22).

Records at Edgefield County Court House, Edgefield, South Carolina

Will Book "C", Page 34

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South Carolina)
) In the Name of God, Amen.
Lexington District)

Records in Probate Judge's Office

at

Edgefield, S. C.

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File 8, Package 296 - Will of Thomas DeLoach. Charley(Charity) DeLoach, executrix.

State of Alabama)
) Personally appeared before me Charity DeLoach and with an oath that the
Butler County) within account is just and true to the best of her knowledge.

20 December 1823

Signed: George Norwood

Item in Account Current:

Cash paid to William Ridlehoover

Purchasers at sale of Estate:

Charity DeLoach

William DeLoach

Mahala DeLoach

Sarah DeLoach

Thomas DeLoach

FANNINS

My maternal grandmother was Martha Fannin, daughter of Jacob Sherwood Fannin.

The Fannins who came to this part of Alabama came from South Carolina from Orangeburg District. Some of them came directly from that district and others from Edgefield District. They were all related and were aware of their kinship even though they came from these two districts. Jacob Sherwood was married in Mt. Willing, Edgefield District as the marriage certificate below reveals.

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

THE RITE OF

HOLY MATRIMONY

Was Celebrated Between

Jacob Sherwood Fannin, Son of Abraham Fannin
and Maranda Deloach, Daughter of Thomas Deloach
married on December 25th, 1833, at Mount Willing, S.C.
by Philip McCarty, Justice of the Peace in Edgefield
District

WITNESS Allison Deloach WITNESS Miss Jemmie Smith

This Jacob Sherwood Fannin is your great-great grandfather. And of course Thomas DeLoach and Abraham Fannin would be your great-great-great grandfathers, and you would add another "great" for Charlotte.

There is a great deal of information on the Fannin family in America. They came in Colonial times and are very numerous in the country. They are Scotch-Irish and came from Northern Ireland. I have given the line only of those who are related to us beginning with the family of Thomas DeLoach, your great-great-great grandfather.

Thomas DeLoach	b. Oct. 20, 1759
Married 1803	
Sarah Watkins	b. 1780
Children	
Mahala DeLoach	b. April 3, 1804
Sarah DeLoach	b. August 15, 1805
Simeon DeLoach	b. August 17, 1807
Floyd DeLoach	b. September 10, 1808
Allison DeLoach	b. April 22, 1810
Madison DeLoach	b. March 12, 1812
<u>Marandia DeLoach</u>	b. October, 1813
Bambridge DeLoach	b. May 18, 1816
Lucretia DeLoach	b. June 7, 1818

Maranda above is our ancestor.

As will be set forth later, the DeLoaches were descendents of French Huguenots who came

to America, especially to the Carolinas after 1715. Thomas DeLoach, himself, however was a Baptist preacher. He preached at Cloud's Creek and Dry Creek Baptist Churches in Edgefield District (Saluda County) and other churches. He was married three times, Sarah Watkins being his second and our ancestor.

Jacob Sherwood Fannin	b. January 25, 1811
Married December 25, 1833	
Maranda DeLoach	b. October 14, 1813
Children	
Mahaly Elizabeth Fannin	b. September 17, 1834
Lucresa Carolina Fannin	b. August 2, 1836
Daniel Herlong Fannin	b. December 22, 1837
John Broxon Fannin	b. June 15, 1839
<u>Martha Maranda Fannin</u>	b. January 17, 1841
Thomas DeLoach Fannin	b. February 4, 1843
Sarah Ann Wadkins Fannin	b. February 11, 1845
Mary Milbern Fannin	b. November 3, 1846
Tilitha Lucinda Fannin	b. November 30, 1848
James R. Abraham Fannin	b. November 1, 1850
Rebecca Fannin	b. November 1, 1852
Jacob Berton Fannin	b. August 15, 1854

Martha Maranda above is our ancestor and my grandmother. She was called Mattie Fannin, and that is why I have a sister named Mattie.

Henry David Brunson	b. March 8, 1848
Married January 13, 1870	
Martha Maranda Fannin	b. 1841
Children (See Page 16)	

No. 3, Ida ~~Emma~~ Brunson is our ancestor.

Isaac Bruan Smith	b. 1869
Married July 20, 1890	
Ida Emma Brunson	b. August 2, 1873
Children (See Page 16)	
<u>Charles Bunyan Smith</u>	b. June 5, 1891
Married December 20, 1925	
Annie Pearl Newell	b. January 1906
Children	
Martha Ann Smith	b. November 3, 1926

MARRIAGES

of Children of Jacob Sherwood Fannin

All of these were aunts and uncles of my mother. The list includes her mother. They are, of course, my great uncles and aunts.

Michael Powell and Mahaley Elizabeth Fannin were married December 26, 1850. She died October 20, 1865.

I never knew these people, but heard of them frequently.

John Kilpatrick and Caroline L. Fannin were married April 24, 1856. This explains our relationship to the Kilpatricks of Shady Grove and Troy and other places, such as Lue'tte, Ralph, Tex. whom you have seen. Caroline L. died August 2, 1912. John Kilpatrick died in 1903.

James Daniels and Sarah A. Fannin were married in the year 1868. These are unknown to me. Sarah died April 14, 1884.

Daniel Herlong Fannin and Flora Ann Victoria Adams were married January 4, 1872. I never knew these, but Aunt Bell, whom you know, married his son, John Fannin, who was her first cousin.

William Moye and Mary M. Fannin were married January 25, 1876. I never knew these. Mary M. died August 11, 1878.

William Whitehurst and Tilitha Fannin were married February 15, 1872. I saw their grown sons when I was a very little boy. They went to Texas.

Jacob B. Fannin and Martha Olivia Trotter were married January 17, 1884. I saw this man. He was the father of Fred Fannin of Montgomery, and others still living at Shady Grove. Olivia Trotter is still living (1951) above ninety. She is my oldest living great aunt.

Henry D. Brunson and Mattie M. Fannin were married January 13, 1870. This is my grandfather and grandmother, the mother and father of Ida Emma Brunson.

Reuben S. Owens and Rebecca Fannin were married December 26, 1886.

These explain the relatives in New Mexico whom we have visited several times. They went to New Mexico before 1890, taking with them my mother's youngest sister, Bunnie Brunson. So Aunt Bunnie grew up in New Mexico from the age of four. She finally married a brother of Reuben S. Owens named Jim Owens. He was much older than she was. Their children include Ruth Owens who taught at Tallassee with us. Aunt Bunnie's descendents are numerous in New Mexico. She is still living at this writing (1951).

Other relatives whom we visited were the Dorris's. May Dorris was May Owens, the daughter of Reuben and Rebecca. She was called Aunt Beck and I have heard more about her than any of the above uncles and aunts.

May Dorris has a daughter, Gladys Dorris, who married Willard Barber. At this writing they are in Lima, Peru, where he works for the U.S. Embassy there. They have a grown daughter who was Martha Barber, now married.

These are all direct descendents of Thomas DeLoach, Jacob Sherwood Fannin, Rebecca Fannin Owens.

You will be meeting people who will remind you that they are distantly related. Sometimes they will not know just what the relationship is or how it came about.

I am citing a few families who are distantly or even closely related to us.

Athey

Mr. Henry Athey married a sister of my great grandfather Albert Brunson. They lived at Ramer. Some of them moved away to Texas. Some Atheys still live at Ramer.

Bryant

Mr. Joe Bryant of Crenshaw married Marietta Compton who was a descendent of Benjamin Brunson. A man named Friendly Compton married Maria Brunson, a daughter of Benjamin's. A great many Comptons of Crenshaw and surrounding counties are descendents of this couple.

Others besides the Bryants and the Comptons are the Sports, Taylors, and their many descendents.

See genealogy on Page 29

DeLoach and Fannin

Jacob Sherwood Fannin was my mother's grandfather on her mother's side. This makes him one of my great grandfathers.

The Fannins came to Alabama from Orangeburg, South Carolina. Other records in this book show that Jacob Sherwood married in Mt. Willing, South Carolina, in 1833. He came immediately to Alabama and homesteaded land in Coffee County and lived at Coffee Springs. He later sold out and came to Briar Hill, Alabama. The numerous Fannins around Shady Grove and Montgomery are related to us through this man.

The marriage certificate shows that Jacob married Miranda DeLoach of South Carolina. The DeLoaches were descendents of French Huguenots who came in large numbers to North and South Carolina in colonial times. This note book contains the ancestry of Thomas DeLoach traced clear back to France. Thomas DeLoach, who was one of my great-great grandfathers, was a Baptist preacher in Edgefield District, South Carolina. It appears that Huguenots did not remain Huguenots very long after coming to this country.

Jacob S. Fannin and Miranda DeLoach had a large family, as the family tree on another page will show.

Kilpatrick, Hicks, Whitehurst, Owen

All these families are still around and their relationships are explained in the descendents

of Jacob S. Fannin. The record will show his daughters marrying an Owen, a Kilpatrick, a Whitehurst, and others. The Owens and Whitehursts went west. The Kilpatricks are numerous around Troy.

A Kilpatrick woman married a Hicks and there are a number of this family around Troy, Shady Grove, and Montgomery.

Richburg, Saunders

Jacob S. Fannin had some brothers who would be my great, great uncles. One of the daughters married a Richburg and their descendents are around. They live around Brantley. Another daughter married a Saunders, and many of that name live in Crenshaw County. Another married a Hudson, and these are lost in the city of Montgomery.

Turnipseed

These people lived at Ramer. At this writing one of them is a preacher in the Methodist Conference, and his father was a preacher. His sister is a dean of women at Auburn. (1958)

They are descendents of the Jenkins family, one of whom was the wife of my great grandfather Albert Brunson. My great grandmother was Elizabeth Jenkins and called Betty. Her sister married a Thompson and a Thompson daughter married a Turnipseed. Lumm Turnipseed was a trustee of the Ramer school when I went there to teach in 1917.

Anderson, Boutwell, Collinsworth, Langley, Thompson

These families are on the Smith side. My grandfather Joshua Smith had several sisters, whom I did not know about until recently. The above are the married names of his sisters.

Winnie Smith married an Anderson and they settled at DeFuniak Springs, Florida. Their descendents still live there, but I have never known them.

Margaret Smith married Mr. Jesse Thompson who lived near Spring Hill in Pike County, Alabama. This man was killed in the Civil War, but they had one son, Stephen Thompson. I saw him once when I was a child, but do not know what became of the family. They were of the same family as Ara and Ira Thompson who live at Spring Hill at this writing 1958. The latter are not related to us.

Margaret married Mr. Holley Boutwell the second time. There must have been a large family, although I know of only two. They had a daughter Margaret Boutwell and a son Isaac Boutwell. They brought up their family near Spring Hill. As the family tree will show, both my father and Isaac Boutwell were named for the original Isaac Smith. Isaac's son Shelby and his son Isaac of Troy are the only descendents of Margaret Smith that I have known personally, although they are very numerous in this territory.

Elizabeth Smith, another sister of Joshua, married a Collinsworth. I found her son, a Mr. Collinsworth, nearly 80 years old, at Milton, Florida, a few years ago. They gave me a photograph of Elizabeth Smith, another sister of Joshua.

Another sister, Letha, married a Mr. Langley in Georgia at Whigham. This was before the older Isaac came to Alabama. She remained in Georgia, but as indicated elsewhere, Isaac went back to Georgia and was on a visit at Letha's house in Whigham when he died in the early 1880's.

Letha died a few years later. Both are buried at Whigham, Georgia.

LeCompte

The daughter of Margaret Smith Boutwell, mentioned above, married a LeCompte. They lived in Coffee County and the LeComptes still live around Elba. Some of them were in school at Troy in 1958.

There are many descendents of my grandfather's three sisters, Winnie, Elizabeth, and Margaret scattered all over South Alabama and West Florida. I know very few of them, but run across some almost every year. So far as I know, Letha left no descendents. My information is that she died when her child was born. Both died.

Grissett, Cordell, Knight

As indicated elsewhere in this notebook, my grandfather Joshua Smith married Mary Jane Grissett, who was born in 1839 at Spring Hill in Pike County. This marriage must have been about 1866. The couple married in Elba, Alabama. Many Grissetts still live in Pike County.

One of my father's sisters married Forrest W. Cordell, near Iron City, Georgia. Her name was also Letha. Their son, Albert Cordell, still lives on the plantation between Iron City and Donalsonville, Georgia. I have managed to keep in touch with him through the years. As mentioned elsewhere, it was on this plantation that my father was killed by the falling tree. Albert, of course, is my first cousin and was old enough to remember the accident. The Cordells have lived on the same spot for over 150 years.

Another sister of my father married a Knight, also of Whigham, Georgia. This sister's name was Emma Smith, being the oldest of Joshua Smith's children. She died as a young married woman.

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Henry D. Brunson, Brantley, Alabama, born
Pine Level, March 8, 1848, in Montgomery
County, Alabama. Served as private, enter-
ing service 1st March 1864, at Andalusia,
in the 64th Alabama Company F, and continued
until discharged May 1, 1865.

Correct Copy.

Peter M. Brannon
Military Archivist
State of Alabama

In addition to our direct Brunson ancestors, I am also putting down some of the collateral families. These records will be of interest to many other people in the years ahead. Research is going on all the time on the Brunson family. One genealogist I know has worked up four separate studies of the family for different people.

As stated elsewhere, the Brunsons migrated to Alabama from South Carolina. The family came to South Carolina from Connecticut as Brownsons about 1690 or 1700. To me, this was a curious migration. I asked a historian in South Carolina why people would migrate from New England to South Carolina in those days. He explained.

His explanation was that the Lords proprietors advertised in the older New England States and in Scotland for settlers. They sent out pamphlets and put ads in the newspapers. Many other families came from New England and are still referred to in South Carolina as the "Puritans." They can be distinguished by family names.

I have concerned myself only with the descendents of two of the original migrants to Alabama, David and Daniel Brunson. These men were closely related and so were their wives. They were in Alabama as early as 1820. David went to Clarke County first and was there in 1820, and Daniel was in what is now Crenshaw County in 1822. David came back to Crenshaw, then Pike, about 1828.

It is assumed that these people and others were on their way to Louisiana, and like many others, never made it. There is a tradition, however, that one of the brothers of David Brunson was with the original surveyors of Alabama territory and picked out the area in Crenshaw. I have heard this many times and from several sources.

Records will show in other places in this report that the children of David Brunson were Josiah, Benjamin, John (Jack), Sarah, Martha and Albert.

DAVID BRUNSON'S DESCENDENTS

Josiah Brunson	born 1797	Sumter District, S.C.
married		
Mary Allen	born 1801	Sumter District, S.C.

Children

Martha	born 1834	Alabama
Sarah	born 1835	Alabama
Albert	born 1840	Alabama
Mary	born 1845	Alabama
Christianna	born 1847	Alabama

Benjamin Brunson	born 1800	Sumter District, S.C.
married		
No record		

Children

David Augustus	born 1828 (Pike-Ala.)	Married Emily Compton
Christopher Columbus	born 1830 (Pike-Ala.)	
Maria	born 1831 (Pike-Ala.)	Married Friendly Compton 1848
Sarah I.	born 1832 (Pike-Ala.)	Married Henry Franklin 1860
Martha	born 1833 (Pike-Ala.)	Married Ganey
Mary Louise	born 1834 (Pike-Ala.)	Married Fern Taylor
Rebecca Charlotte	born 1839 (Pike-Ala.)	Married Benjamin F. Martin

Note that the heads of the two families on this page are the sons of the original David Brunson. The second family record reveals our relation to certain families still around in 1960 as the Taylors, Comptons, and Franklins. The other families have disappeared. Benjamin above died in 1855.

David Brunson Line

Barnette Franklin	born 1800	Sumter District, S.C.
Married March 21, 1821		
Martha (Patsy) Brunson		
Children		
Reuben	Married Eliza Cook	
Greenberry	Married Sarah Merrill	
John R.	Married Rebecca Sarter	
Joseph J.	Married Ann Tisdale, Amanda Tisdale	
Benjamin Newton		
William Penn	Married Alice Walden	
Sumter		
Eliza Ann	Married William Bembow	
Sarah		
Mary		
Caroline	Married Rufus Milligan	
Mariah	Married Ashley Lasseter	
Martha	Married Billie Holland	
Nancy B.	Married Jim Wade	
Elizabeth T.	Married Vincent Underwood	6/27/1839

Patsy Brunson Franklin was born November 29, 1804 and died June 17, 1901. This made her over 96 years old when she died. The above family was reared in what is now Crenshaw County. She married in Clarke County in 1821 which indicates that David Brunson was living there at that time. Franklins and Brunsons came to old Pike around 1828. Barnette Franklin owned a plantation and cotton gin just south of what is now Luverne. He was also a surveyor and was on a committee of five to lay out the town of Troy when the county seat was moved from Montecello.

The other daughter of David Brunson, Sarah L., married Henry Athey of Ramer August 8, 1838. She died soon afterwards and the family moved to Texas.

John B., another son, married Elizabeth Davenport in 1833. They went west at an early date.

Albert's family is given in the first part of this book and, as indicated there, was my great grandfather.

(David Brunson Line)

Fern Taylor

Married

Mary Louise Brunson, daughter of Benjamin Brunson
Margaret Brunson, daughter of Albert Brunson

Children by Mary Louise

Lou E. Taylor	born 1855	Crenshaw County, Alabama
	Married Herah M. Carnes	
Jacob B. Taylor	born 1858	Crenshaw, County, Alabama
James T. Taylor	born 1859	Crenshaw County, Alabama
	Married Liner Wood	December 12, 1894
John H. Taylor	born 1866	Crenshaw County, Alabama
	Married Oma Compton	March 2, 1893
Albert J. Taylor	born 1868	Crenshaw County, Alabama
	Married Addie Sasser	March 2, 1893
Irien E. Taylor	born 1870	Crenshaw County, Alabama
	Married Moody Rogers	December 8, 1893
George H. Taylor	born 1872	Crenshaw County, Alabama
	Married E. Mary Compton	September 21, 1894
Enoch M. Taylor	born 1872	Crenshaw County, Alabama
	Married Lula Nichols	

Children by Margaret
Izora Taylor

Married J.M. Lowman Crenshaw County, Alabama
January, 1898

Otis Brunson born 1850

Married

Sarah Jane Thurston born 1851

Children

Maude Brunson	born 1892	Brantley, Alabama
	Married M. E. Grant	July 31, 1921

Orene Brunson	born 1894	Brantley, Alabama
	Married Lem Blackwell	November 30, 1919

Benjamin R. Brunson	born 1822	Rutledge, Alabama
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Married

Mary Cloughf South Carolina

Children

William Brunson	born 1842	Pike County, Alabama
Eliza Brunson	born 1843	Pike County, Alabama
Edward Brunson	born 1845	Pike County, Alabama
Elizabeth Brunson	born 1848	Pike County, Alabama

(The Daniel Brunson Line)

As indicated elsewhere, these pages list a few of the related families of the direct progenitors listed first. I have also stated that these records of the Brunsons consider only two groups of descendants: those of David and Daniel Brunson. They were here as early as 1820. They were not brothers but cousins. The following groups are the descendants of Daniel Brunson:

Daniel Brunson born 1786 Sumter District, S.C.

Married

Mary (Polly) Johnson born 1794 Sumter District, S.C.

Children

Daniel H. born 1813 S.C. Married Sarah Kilpatrick

Isaac Joel born S.C. Married Louisa Colb 1837

John R. born 1828 Alabama Married Matilda Harrell

Caroline born 1831 Alabama Married Jacob Taylor

Margaret Amanda Alabama Married George J. Cowart

Mary Susannah Alabama Married Edmond Tisdale

The first two, Daniel H. and Isaac Joel, have a great many descendants in this territory.

Daniel H. Brunson born 1813 S.C.

Married

Leanora Brunson born 1816 S.C.

Children

Adam born 1832

Richard born 1833

Charles born 1834

Warren born 1852

John born 1846

Margaret born 1849

Children by Sarah E. Kilpatrick. Married September 19, 1865:

Daniel J. born 1866

William

Mariah

Caroline

(The Daniel Brunson Line)

Isaac Joel Brunson	born 1815	Sumter District, S.C.
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Married April 3, 1837

Louisa E. Colb	born 1818	S. C.
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Children

Frances M.	born 1839	Alabama	Married Epsy H. Wood 1866
John Harrison	born 1843	Alabama	
Arabella Brunson	born 1845	Alabama	
Samuel Alexander	born 1846	Alabama	Married Laura Howell 1875
Ellen	born 1848	Alabama	
Josephine Missouri	born 1849	Alabama	
Mary Louisa	born 1851	Alabama	
Webster Fillmore	born 1853	Alabama	Married Mary Emma Cody
Jasper Pickney	born 1854	Alabama	Married Elizabeth Franklin 1882
Hilliard	born 1856	Alabama	
Rufus	born 1858	Alabama	

Children by Emily Abigail Williams Brunson.

George Westley	born 1860	Alabama	Married L. J. Powell 1890
Viola Adella Brunson	born 1862	Alabama	
Nola	born 1866	Alabama	

Note: The Jasper Pickney Brunson listed above is the father of Miss Ida Brunson of our acquaintance and her sisters, among whom are Mrs. Frances Green of Troy, Alabama

Daniel Brunson Line

Dan J. Brunson born August 5, 1866 Crenshaw County, Alabama

Married

Julia T. Hall born October 14, 1867

Children

 David S. Brunson born 1894 Brantley, Alabama
 Married Lessie L. Jackson November 18, 1917

 William A. Brunson born 1895 Brantley, Alabama
 Married Obie L. Butler November 16, 1919

 Lillie M. Brunson born 1896 Brantley, Alabama
 Married Asa Kilpatrick November 9, 1913

 James Harvey Brunson born 1898 Brantley, Alabama
 Married Ethel L. Battles December 29, 1919

 Margaret S. Brunson born 1899 Brantley, Alabama
 Married Andrew Jack Johnson September 22, 1918

 Joel E. Brunson born 1901 Brantley, Alabama

 Ethel G. Brunson born 1903 Brantley, Alabama
 Married William E. Brunson February 2, 1924

Frank M. Brunson born 1839 Valley - Now Mount Ida, Luverne, Alabama

Married

Epsy Helen Moody

Children

 Joel B. Brunson born 1869 Crenshaw Alabama

 Mary L. Brunson born 1869 Crenshaw Alabama

 Margaret M. Brunson born 1872 Crenshaw Alabama

 Minnie Bell Brunson born 1875 Crenshaw Alabama

 Mattie Brunson born 1878 Crenshaw Alabama

Daniel Brunson Line

Jasper Pinkney Brunson	born 1854	Crenshaw County, Alabama
Married		
Margaret Elizabeth Franklin	born 1860	Crenshaw County, Alabama
Children		
Mattie Laura Brunson	born 1883	Crenshaw County, Alabama
	Married J. S. Golden April 23, 1921	
Ida Ethel Brunson	born 1885	Crenshaw County, Alabama
Mary Brunson	born 1887	Crenshaw County, Alabama
	Married George W. King May 16, 1915	
Elbert Brunson	born 1891	Crenshaw County, Alabama
Frances Brunson	born 1894	Crenshaw County, Alabama
	Married Gillis Greene December 29, 1915	
Erin Olive Brunson	born 1896	Crenshaw County, Alabama
	Married T. F. Nuckolls 1920	
Leola Brunson	born 1899	Crenshaw County, Alabama
	Married F. William Crenshaw April 10, 1924	

NOTE: The lines of David and Daniel cross in this family. Margaret Elizabeth Franklin was a direct descendent of David Brunson through his daughter Martha (Patsy) Brunson, who married Barnette Franklin.







